

## REMARKS

The courtesy of the examiner in granting Applicants' attorney a telephone interview on April 19, 2005, is acknowledged.

During this interview, Applicants' attorney pointed out that independent claim 15 included the recitation of "an open holding portion" which open portion is not shown by the primary reference to Brottman alone or when combined with the secondary reference to Hampshire, cited in rejecting this claim. The examiner agreed that the references did not show this claimed element and that, therefore, claim 15 is allowable.

The reference to Brottman was also discussed with regard to the rejections of claim 1 and 2. It was the examiner's contention that the bolted-in seat bottom 29 and seat back 31 were removable and that the cross-member 21 included a channel receive the bolts 32. Applicants' attorney does not agree with these interpretations of Brottman.

However, since the examiner had allowed claim 18 and indicated that claims 3-14 and 16-17 would be allowed if they were rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims have been amended accordingly and should be allowable.

Additionally, to clear up any possible ambiguity because of the use of the terms "front portion" and "rear portion" in two places (the frame and channel), Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 12, 15 and 18 to refer to the portions in the frame as the "first" portion and the "second" portion. No new matter is added by these amendments since on page 3, paragraph [0012] of the specification, the leg assemblies 14, 16 are indicated as having "first or front" faces or surfaces and "second or rear" faces or surfaces.

A new claim 19, dependent on allowed claim 18 has been added by this amendment. This claim 19 should also be allowable.

With the cancellation of two dependent claims and the adding of one dependent claim, 17 claims remain in this application. Of these 17 claims, 5 claim, 1, 7, 12, 15 and 18 are independent and 12 claims 4-6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 are dependent. Payment for the additional two (2) independent claims is authorized by the form PTO-2038, enclosed herewith.

Finally, enclosed with this amendment is a marked-up drawing showing the numerals 10, 51 and 54 (referred to in the specification in paragraphs [0001], [0013] and [0014]) added to Fig.1. Additionally, a corrected formal drawing with these added numerals is enclosed for

approval by the examiner.

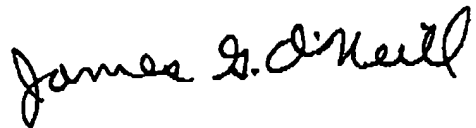
The further prior art cited by the examiner but not applied against the claims, has been carefully reviewed Applicants, but is not deemed pertinent to the claimed invention.

In view of the above, the examiner is respectfully requested to allow all of the claims remaining in this application and to notify Applicants accordingly.

If the examiner has any questions with regard to this amendment she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at either the facsimile or telephone number set forth below.

Very Truly Yours,

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